

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested.

Independent claim 1 to overcome the inconsistency noted by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19 were rejected as anticipated by Burrows ('631).

As disclosed in the Burrows patent, lamps 701A, 701B, 701C, and 701D are “deployed in three-dimensional form on the interior of telephone case 700” [column 11, lines 28–29]. Whatever process “deployed” may have been intended to mean, it is not a process that produces the integral structure recited. For example, in the description of FIG. 3, the Burrows patent discloses that “Elastomeric EL lamp 300 ... is being peeled back from transfer release paper 102 following affixation to a substrate” [column 7, lines 36–39]. “Affixation” does not produce an integral structure as recited.


Something stuck on the surface of an article does not become an “integral part” of the article. Is a parking sticker an “integral part” of a windshield just because it is stuck on to it? No. The ordinary meaning of the words prevents such an interpretation.

The Burrows patent discloses a lamp, an adhesive, and a substrate. The patent discloses a “self-contained membranous electroluminescent system provided **on** an appliance” [emphasis added]; column 1, lines 17-18. “On” is not integral. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is ignoring the express disclosure of the Burrows patent.

Applicants are **not** relying on the method of making for patentability. Would removing the words “as a result of injection molding” make the claim patentable? They merely emphasize the integrity of the article and the lamp. The Examiner seems to focus on clause and ignore the rest of the claim. It is respectfully submitted that the independent claims are patentable without the quoted words. Adding the quoted words does not make the claims unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19 are in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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